

# SENATE NO. 812



## **AN ACT** RELATIVE TO SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,  
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1    SECTION 1. Section 57 of Chapter 22C is hereby repealed.
- 2    Section 2. Section 88 of Chapter 272 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and
- 3    inserting in its place the following:
- 4    Section 88. If complaint is made to a court or magistrate authorized to issue warrants in criminal
- 5    cases that the complainant has reasonable cause to believe that preparations are being made for
- 6    an exhibition of the fighting of birds, dogs or other animals, or that such exhibition is in
- 7    progress, or that birds, dogs or other animals are kept or trained for fighting at any place or in
- 8    any building or tenement, such court or magistrate, if satisfied that there is reasonable cause for
- 9    such belief, shall issue a search warrant authorizing any law enforcement officer, sheriff, deputy
- 10   sheriff, constable or police officer, to search such place, building or tenement at any hour of the
- 11   day or night and take possession of all such birds, dogs or other animals there found, and arrest

- 12 all persons there present at any such exhibition or where preparations for such exhibition are
- 13 being made, or where birds, dogs or other animals are kept or trained for fighting.